

**INDUSTRIES
AND COMMERCE**Important
features of the
year.

1210. The Mysore Silk Worm Seed Act, 1952 continued to be in force in the Mysore Seed Cocoon producing areas during the year.

1211. The Central Silk Board imported the services of three Japanese Experts and their services were spread to the Mysore State for examining the problems facing the industry and to suggest methods of improvement.

1212. The VI State Sericultural Conference was organised during the year and in connection with this an exhibition had been arranged.

Conclusion

1213. The State continued to be the foremost State in production of Mulberry Silk in India, producing nearly 80 per cent of the total production in India.

(vii) Rural Industrialisation.

1214. The Rural Industrialisation Scheme was continued during the year in the ten districts of former Mysore State.

1215. Out of the Budget provision of Rs. 17.00 lakhs for the implementation of the Rural Industrialisation Scheme, an amount of Rs. 13.07 lakhs was utilised during the year.

1216. Four hundred and one Village Group units formed under Rural Industrialisation Scheme, one for each Revenue hobli with the Village Development Committee, have been continued. One Primary Rural Industrial Co-operative Society was also continued for each group unit during the year.

Rural Industrial
Financing Bank.

1217. The Rural Industrial Financing Bank organised as an adjunct to the Rural Industrialisation Scheme, continued to function with 401 Primary Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies and five Urban Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies affiliated to it with a working capital of Rs. 120 (Rs. 47.47) lakhs at the end of the year.

1218. As there was demand for grant of loans to start agricultural and live-stock industries, a medium term loan of Rs. 25.00 lakhs was borrowed from the Reserve Bank of India on Government guarantee through the State Co-operative Apex Bank. The Bank borrowed a loan of Rs. 20.00 lakhs from the State Government out of the loan provided by the Central Government for granting loans to small-scale industries.

1219. A sum of Rs. 39·27 lakhs was disbursed as loans to 8,002 units during the year and the total amount of loans disbursed for starting fresh industries or to expand the existing industries from the inception of the Bank up to end of March 1958 was as follows:—

	No. of units	Loan amount disbursed
		Rs.
1. Agricultural and Live- stock Industries	9,454	55,10,605
2. Cottage and Small-Scale Industries	12,606	52,10,115
Total	22,060	107,20,720

1220. During the year, a sum of Rs. 4·32 lakhs was disbursed to rural industrial co-operative societies and in turn these societies granted a sum of Rs. 9,39,290 in 5,177 cases as surety loan. Artisan loans

1221. By persuasion and the assistance provided under the Rural Industrialisation Scheme, approximately 37,123 industrial units have been freshly started and expanded during the year. It is also estimated that a capital of about Rs. 298·40 lakhs has been invested in these industrial units providing employment to 78,609 persons during the year and contributing about Rs. 1649·15 lakhs worth of goods and services, thereby raising the industrial *per capita* income of the ten districts of the old Mysore State from Rs. 10·8 to about Rs. 19·4.

1222. The Group Committees *cum* Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies enrolled 11,661 members as share holders and collected a sum of Rs. 3·13 lakhs as share amount during the year thus bringing the total members enrolled to 1,55,904 and share amount collected to Rs. 37·59 lakhs from the inception of the scheme.

1223. Government sanctioned the grant of subventions to the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies equal to the share amount collected by them towards their maintenance charges that is to the extent of Rs. 3·23 (Rs. 6·01) lakhs during the year. The societies spent a sum of Rs. 3·31 lakhs towards maintenance.

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Village Indus-
tries under
the auspices
of the Rural
Industrial
Co-operative
Societies.

1224. The Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies have so far remitted a sum of Rs. 2.45 lakhs to the Rural Industrial Financing Bank as surplus amount after retaining amounts for maintenance of staff.

1225. The work of the Rural Industrial Scheme is operated in close co-operation with the several All-India Boards constituted for the development of industries.

1226. The village industries sponsored by the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Commission were also taken up under the Rural Industrialisation Scheme.

1227. A sum of Rs. 5.20 lakhs was granted as loan and grant to the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies for starting village industries like (1) Manufacture of soap from non-edible oil, (2) Cottage Match Industries, (3) Hand Pounding of Rice, (4) Village Tanning, (5) Village Oil Industries, (6) Amber Charka and Khadi. These societies have already taken up the industries and some of the units have started production. So far, 55 Industrial Craft Co-operative Societies have been organised under this Scheme including 35 organised in the previous year.

Supply of
Machinery on
Hire Purchase
Scheme.

1228. Under the scheme launched by the All-India Small Scale Industries Board for supply of machinery on hire purchase system, machinery worth Rs. 4,71,356 has been sanctioned and supplied by the Small Industries Corporation, Bombay, to 237 industrialists recommended by the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies.

1229. The working of the Department, on the whole, was satisfactory during the year.

(viii) Posts and Telegraphs.

Post Offices.

1230. The total number of post offices working in the State at the beginning of the year was 1,687. Twenty-three new post offices were opened during the year bringing the total at the end of the year to 1,710.

Telegraph
Offices.

1231. The number of telegraph offices in the State at the beginning of the year was 202 and during the year eight new telegraph offices were opened thus bringing the total at the end of the year to 210.